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APPENDIX XII.

[*Vide* answer to starred question No. 575 asked by Sri C. V. K. Rao at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 16th July 1953, page 273 *supra*.]

(*a*) The Rayalaseema Development Board was constituted on 1st December 1949.

(*b*) A statement showing the decisions of the Board so far implemented with relevant details is appended (Annexure I).

(*c*) The Rayalaseema Development Board met thrice, after its reconstitution in May 1952.

(*d*) A statement showing the decisions of the Board at its meetings held on 8th November 1952 and 7th March 1953 is appended (Annexure II).

(*e*) Of the recommendations of the Rayalaseema Development Board given in Annexure II, only one has been finally accepted so far. The action taken on the recommendations is indicated in column (2) of the statement in Annexure II.

(*f*) Yes Sir, it was formed to meet the Expert Committee constituted by the Government of India to concert measures, permanent and short time, to prevent recurrence of famine in Rayalaseema and to present a memorandum on the basis of the resolutions already passed by the Rayalaseema Development Board.

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Serial number and recommendation of the Rayalaseema Development Board. (1)	*Orders of Government.* (2)
1 The Board recommended to Government that the Tungabhadra Project as it was conceived (dry scheme) should be executed.	The Government accepted the recommendation of the Board and dropped the change-over to all-wet.
2 The Board recommended to Government to sanction and take up the execution of the following irrigation schemes :— (i) Pennar Kumudavathi Project. (iii) Upper Pennar Project. (iii) Bhairavanithippa Project.	The Government have sanctioned the project and they are now under execution.
3 The Board recommended the sanction of the scheme relating to the construction of a permanent anicut across the Swarnamukhi river in Kalahasti limits in Chittoor district.	The Government sanctioned the estimate of Rs. 6,47,065 inclusive of direct and indirect charges for the construction of an anicut across the Swarnamukhi river.
4 The Board resolved to request the Government to issue suitable instructions to the Chief Engineer for the alignment of the low level canal of the Tungabhadra Project beyond 173rd mile and initiate land acquisition proceedings.	The Government sanctioned special staff to proceed with the work.
5 The Board recommended the proposal of the Director of Agriculture that 50 per cent of the cost of seedlings for the purpose of planting coconut palms on the sides of roads and on the main bunds in the wet land areas in Rayalaseema districts may be borne by Government for encouraging growth of coconut trees.	Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs. 19,975 and Rs. 2,496–14–0 respectively towards the purchase of coconut seedlings for supply to ryots at half the price and for the packing and transport charges of coconut seedlings.
6 The Board recommended to Government the sanction of the Hydro-Electric scheme connected with the Tungabhadra Project.	Government have sanctioned the scheme which will serve the four districts of Bellary, Cuddappah, Anantapur and Kurnool except the southern taluks of Hindupur, Kadiri, Penukonda and Madakasira in Anantapur district.
7 The Board also requested Government to sanction the schemes relating to the installation of thermal stations at (i) Tadpatri, (ii) Nandyal and (iii) Madanapalle.	Government have sanctioned the schemes and items (i) and (ii) have been implemented and item (iii) is in progress.

Serial number and recommendation of the Rayalaseema Development Board.—cont. (1)	*Orders of Government.*—cont. (2)
8 The Board recommended to Government the sanction of the scheme proposed by the Director of Fisheries on the control of Dracontiasis.	The Government have approved the proposal to rear stock and distribute cyclopscidal fishes to control Dracontiasis (Guinea worm disease) and sanctioned a non-recurring and recurring expenditure of Rs. 500 and Rs. 4,000 respectively.
9 The Board resolved to recommend to Government to sanction a subsidy of Rs. 2,500 to the Kosigi Weavers' Co-operative Society in the Bellary district.	The Government have sanctioned the payment of a subsidy of Rs. 1,250 to the Kosigi Weavers' Co-operative Society in the Bellary district towards the cost of the frame looms already purchased.
10 The Board resolved to request the Government to sanction the payment of ex gratia grant of Rs. 2,000 to the Pannur Leather Workers' Co-operative Society in Chittoor district.	Government sanctioned the proposal.
11 The Board resolved to recommend to Government the proposal of the Registrar of Co-operative Societies for waiving the registration fees in respect of co-operative housing societies in Rayalaseema for a period of three years.	The Government have accepted the proposal and issued orders waiving the registration fees for a period of three years.
12 The Board resolved to recommend to Government to introduce the scheme of village co-operatives in the districts of Bellary and Kurnool in the first instance to intensify food production efforts in this area.	The Government directed that the scheme of intensive cultivation through village co-operatives be extended to that portion of the Kurnool district which has been classified as an intensive cultivation area.
13 The Board resolved to recommend to Government that the administration of the Mining Rules may be centralised in the Industries department.	The Government have passed orders transferring the administration of mineral concession rules and other work relating to mines from the Board of Revenue to the Industries Department.
14 The Board resolved to request the Government to call for estimates for the construction of a bridge across the Pennar near Chennur and sanction it as expeditiously as possible.	Government have sanctioned the remodelling of the existing causeway at Chennur at an estimated cost of Rs. 50,000 from the allocation of the Central Road Funds.

15 The Board resolved to recommend to Government to open one additional training school for men in Chittoor district.	Government approved the recommendation of the Rayalaseema Development Board for the opening of an additional training school for men in Chittoor district during 1953.
16 The Board resolved to recommend to Government that in the matter of selecting candidates for higher studies abroad those belonging to Rayalaseema may be given special preference in view of the educational backwardness of the area.	Government have communicated the resolution of the Board to the concerned departments for information and guidance while selecting candidates for higher studies abroad.
17 The Board resolved to recommend to Government to make liberal provision of funds for the development of cottage industries in this area.	Government have sanctioned loans not exceeding Rs. 100 to each of the artisans in order to alleviate the suffering of village artisans in the famine affected areas of Rayalaseema and to rehabilitate them.
18 The Board resolved to recommend to Government to issue orders for the early publication of the brochure on the activities of the Rayalaseema Development Board.	The Government have sanctioned the publication by the Director of Information and Publicity of 1,000 copies of an illustrated brochure on the activities of the Rayalaseema Development Board in the first instance.
19 The Board resolved to request the Government that a Special Engineering staff may be appointed to conduct a preliminary survey of the area which will come under the benefit of the irrigation schemes before a general scheme can be drawn up to serve a number of villages with protected water-supply.	Government have sanctioned the employment of a supervisor, for a period of one year from the date of appointment for conducting the preliminary survey of the area, served by the irrigation canals.
20 The Board recommended the starting and maintenance of a tractor workshop at Bellary.	The Government accepted the recommendation and have sanctioned the scheme.

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ANNEXURE II.

Decisions of the Rayalaseema Development Board at its meetings held on 8th November 1952 and 7th March 1953—cont.

Serial number and recommendation. (1)	*Action taken on the recommendation.* (2)
Meeting held on 8th November 1952—	
1 The Board resolved to request the Government to recommend to the Government of India to give half the cost of the major irrigation works as subsidy and half as loan for the speedy execution of the major irrigation works for giving protection to the famine-affected areas.	The matter is under the consideration of the Government.
2 The Board resolved to request the Government that Grow More Food schemes in Rayalaseema should be sanctioned without insistence on return of expenditure involved.	Do.
3 The Board resolved to request the Government that in selecting relief works in the areas affected in the Rayalaseema districts the Grow More Food schemes already investigated or those pending investigation may be preferred to provide employment in all the affected areas.	The Government have informed the Board that the principle of giving preference to Grow More Food works in the matter of selecting relief works is being kept in view already.
4 The Board resolved to recommend to Government that the navigation of the K.C. Canal may be restored and funds provided under the K.C. Canal Community Project.	Government have informed that no funds can be set apart for the restoration of the K.C. Canal from the Community Project Funds.
5 The Board resolved to reiterate its previous recommendation that the paints industry may be taken up by Government and sponsored as a State concern in view of the lack of private enterprise.	The Government have dropped the proposal in view of the prevailing financial stringency.
6 The Board resolved to request the Government to sanction the proposal of the Director of Industries and Commerce to introduce a diploma course in mining and metallurgy in the Rayalaseema Polytechnic, Bellary, for implementation during 1953–54 with provision for analytical study.	Government have since informed the Board that the question of providing funds for the course is under correspondence with the Government of India.
7 The Board decided that the feasibility of using electric power instead of lignite for starting Iron and Steel plant should be examined in view of the article published in the supplement to "Madras Mail", dated 31st October 1952, regarding the existence of such methods in Mysore State. The Board resolved that the sanction of mining leases may not be withheld but adequate safeguards should be taken to prevent speculation and also to take over the leases by Government whenever necessary for starting Iron and Steel plant.	The Government of India have advised that under the existing conditions the most favourable site at which a steel plant can be set up is either in Madhya Pradesh or in Orissa and that no final decision has however yet been reached regarding the actual site of the plant and that the proposal for the establishment of a steel plant at Sandur will be taken into account in arriving at a final decision in the matter.
8 The Board decided to await private contribution for the starting of Medical College either at Tirupathi or at Madanapalle in Chittoor district. As no private contribution was forthcoming from the public in view of the draught conditions, the Government was requested to start a Medical College in Rayalaseema districts.	Government have since dropped the proposal.

9 The Board resolved to request the Government to allot more funds to Rayalaseema, if necessary, by reallocation of funds provided for other areas, for the rapid development of power in Rayalaseema and to sanction the required amount in future for the execution of schemes expeditiously.	Government have regretted their inability to accept the recommendation made by the Rayalaseema Development Board.
10 The Board resolved to request the Government that a Special Engineering staff may be appointed to conduct a preliminary survey of the area which will come under the benefit of the irrigation schemes before a general scheme can be drawn up to serve a number of villages with protected water-supply.	Government have accepted the proposal and have sanctioned the employment of a supervisor for a period of one year from the date of appointment for the purpose.
11 The Board resolved to recommend for sanction of the Government the establishment of a livestock farm atNandyal for implementation at least during 1953–54 and that adequate funds may be provided for it under the K.C. Canal Community Project.	The Government have informed that the provision of a livestock farm at each Project area is not contemplated in the draft outline prepared by the Community Project Administration, New Delhi.
12 The Board resolved to request the State Government to impress upon the Government of India the utility of the proposed bridge across the Cheyyar at Nandalur in Cuddapah district in improving the communications and marketing facilities of the area.	The matter is under the consideration of the Government.
13 The Board resolved to request the Government to urge upon the Government of India to make a departure from their normal policy in respect of Rayalaseema and show special preference and if necessary cut across the existing priorities for taking up the following new Railway lines in this area :— (i) A line from Guntakal to Chitaldrug via Uravakonda. (ii) A line from Hindupur to Chitaldrug via Madakasira. (iii) A line between Hindupur and Cuddapah via Chilamathur, Gorantla, Kadiri and Rayachoti. (iv) A broad-gauge line either from Vijayavada or Bapatla via Cuddapah, Rayachoti, Madanapalle and Kolar to Bangalore. (v) A line from Rayadrug to Chitaldrug. (vi) A line from Kurnool to Yerraguntla via Nandyal.	The proposals have been deferred by the Government.
14 The Board resolved to reiterate its previous recommendation that the Lower Sagileru Project may be sanctioned immediately and that the work already started may be continued without break in view of the famine-stricken area which the project would serve.	The matter is under the consideration of the Government.
15 The Board resolved to recommend to Government that the scheme relating to the formation of a reservoir across the Chinnakandaleru in Pullalacheruvu in Markapur taluk (Grow More Food Scheme) may be sanctioned and taken up for execution as expeditiously as possible.	Do.
16 The Board resolved to recommend to Government that the erection of a canning factory at Kodur should be expedited.	Government have accorded sanction to the purchase of a new 12 K.W. electric generator for the fruit-canning factoryat Kodur. Government have also since issued orders retaining the research part of the Bio-Chemists, section attached to the Canning Factory in Kodur at Kodur itself.

Serial number and recommendation. (1)	*Action taken on the recommendation.* (2)
Meeting held on 8th November 1952—*cont.*	
17 The Board resolved to request the Director of Agriculture to expedite the scheme of starting a research station for evolving special strains of oil seeds and also millets at Anantapur, claiming half-grant from the Oil Seeds Cess Funds.	The matter is under the consideration of the Government.
Meeting held on 7th March 1953—	
18 The Rayalaseema Development Board resolved to request the State Government to recommend to the Union Government to constitute a Special High Power Committee and sanction at least Rs. 25 crores obtaining a loan, if necessary, from the World Bank as in the case of the Damodar Valley Project for the speedy completion of the Tungabhadra Project and execution of the High Level Canal and the Tungabhadra Hydro-Electric Scheme.	The matter is under the consideration of the Government.
19 The Board also resolved to request the State Government to recommend to the Union Government to sanction a grant of Rs. 20 crores for the special development of Rayalaseema by taking up all major river projects which have already been investigated and held up for want of finance as a long-range permanent measure to prevent recurrence of famine in Rayalaseema.	Do.
20 The Board resolved to request the Government to reconsider and take immediate steps for the establishment of a CentralHorticultural Research Station by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research at Kodur in Cuddapah district.	Do.
21 The Board resolved to recommend to Government to sanction the proposal to take up soil conservation as famine-relief measure in Kadiri block in Kadiri taluk and Kuderu in Anantapur taluk.	Do.
22 The Board resolved to recommend to Government to sanction the opening of at least one school for farmers on the lines of the Bombay Government schools for farmers in each district to begin with.	Do.
23 The Board resolved to recommend to Government to sanction the proposal for starting a pilot scheme for mechanised levelling and terracing in the Tungabhadra Project area.	Do.

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24 The Board resolved to recommend toGovernment to sanction the proposal for the granting of takkavi loans to ryots to enable them to pay the hire charges in advance for pumping sets.	Do.
25 The Board resolved to recommend to Government to sanction the proposal for the granting of takkavi loans to the ryots up to Rs.120 to individual cultivators by District Agricultural Officers and Assistant Agricultural Engineers to enable the ryots to pay the hire charges on tractors and bulldozers in advance.	Do.
26 The Board resolved to recommend to Government that the scheme proposed by the Director of Industries and Commerce for the development of Ericulture in Rayalaseema under the five-year plan may be sanctioned and implemented as early as possible.	Do.
27 The Board resolved to reiterate its previous recommendation that the scheme prepared by the Honorary Special Officer for Woollen Textile Industry for the installation of a spinning plant at Bellary for the development of woollen cumbly industry may be sanctioned for implementation during 1953–54.	Do.
28 The Board resolved to request the State Government— (i) to recommend to the Union Government, to permit the free transport of barytes, iron ore, Asbestos to foreign countries ; (ii) to provide adequate wagon facilities for the transport of accumulated stock of minerals ; (iii) that the looping given to Messrs. Tiffins Barytes, Limited, be extended up to the level-crossing and stacking facilities granted with provision for a weigh-bridge ; and (iv) that the road from Cuddapah to Pulivendla which is in a very bad condition should be upgraded .	Do.
29 The Board resolved to recommend to Government to sanction the proposal of the Director of Agriculture for the purchase of six Coimbatore type power boring sets, four percussion drills with complete equipment and 14 hand-boring sets in view of their essential and immediate need.	Do.
30 The Board resolved to recommend to Government to sanction the scheme prepared by the Director of Agriculture for the afforestation and turf bunding of the K.C. Canal area for implementation at an early date.	Do.

Serial number and recommendation. (1)	Action taken on the recommendation. (2)
Meeting held on 7th March 1953—*cont.*	
31 The Board resolved to recommend to Government to sanction the following proposals of the Development Commissioner for immediate execution and implementation for the speedy and systematic development of lands under the Tungabhadra Project area :— (i) The working finance required by the agriculturists may be disbursed to them as loan, under the Land Improvement Loans Act by the Collector in consultation with the Special Officer, Special District Agricultural Officer and Public Works Department Officer concerned obtaining an allotment of at least Rs. 30 lakhs per annum from the Government of India from the financial year 1953-54 for a period of five years. (ii) A team of special agricultural demonstrators should be appointed for carrying on propaganda regarding cropping pattern system of irrigation and mixed farming, etc. (iii) Ten demonstration farms should be started in the Project area as recommended by the Director of Agriculture for demonstrating to the ryots the benefit of mixed farming, dry irrigation, rotation of crops, etc. One of these ten demonstration farms may be a big central demonstration farm to be located at Bhairadevanahalli as already recommended in view of the facilities of good land and buildings in the Public Works Department colony readily available. (iv) An Agricultural school for farmers should also be opened with advantage to teach mixed farming and cropping pattern to them at Bhairadevanahalli as an adjunct to the Demonstration farm. (v) The pilot scheme for reclamation of dry lands and converting them into wet lands by a fleet of tractors already recommended may be sanctioned to assess the volume of work involved in converting dry lands into wet lands and the time taken and the cost thereof. (vi) The Government of India may be addressed to sanction Rs. 3 crores for financing these schemes at Rs. 60 lakhs per year for a period of five years—half of it as loan and half as contribution under the Grow More Food for the purchase of tractors, propaganda and supply of fertilizers and chemical manures, etc., at concessional rates to the poor agriculturists under Tungabhadra Project.	The matter is under the consideration of the Government.